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In the claims:

Please withdraw from consideration claim 4-9, 14, 17.

Please amend the following claims 1, 10, 11, 15, 16, 18 and 19 as follows:

1. (currently amended) An improved accuracy backboard apparatus comprising:
 - a backboard;
 - a goal in fixed communication with said backboard;
 - a left triangle having a first side, second side and third side, wherein said first side of said left triangle is adjacent to the left edge of said backboard and said second side and said third side converge to a point ending at said goal so as to visually aid a player; and
 - a right triangle having a first side, second side and third side, wherein said first side of said right triangle is adjacent to the right edge of said backboard and said second side and said third side converge to a point ending at said goal so as to visually aid a player.
~~at least one triangular stripe on the front side of said backboard, wherein each said at least one triangular stripe tapers towards said goal so as to visually aid the player.~~
10. (currently amended) An apparatus as in claim 6, wherein said left triangle ~~ular stripe~~ is the mirror image of said right triangle stripe.
11. (currently amended) An improved accuracy backboard apparatus comprising:
 - a backboard;
 - a goal in fixed communication with said backboard;
 - ~~a left triangular stripe, a top triangular stripe and a right triangular stripe, wherein said left triangular stripe, said top triangular stripe and said~~

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~~triangular right stripe are on the front side of said backboard and taper towards said goal so as to visually aid the player~~

a left triangle having a first side, second side and third side,
wherein said first side of said left triangle is adjacent to the left edge of said
backboard and said second side and said third side converge to a point ending at
said goal so as to visually aid a player; and

a right triangle having a first side, second side and third side,
wherein said first side of said right triangle is adjacent to the right edge of said
backboard and said second side and said third side converge to a point ending at
said goal so as to visually aid a player.

15. (currently amended) An apparatus as in claim 11, wherein
said left triangular stripe is the mirror image of said right triangular stripe.

16. (currently amended) An improved accuracy backboard
apparatus comprising:

a backboard having an outer concentric square having at least one
edge along an edge of said backboard and an inner concentric square;

a goal in fixed communication with said backboard and abutting
said inner concentric square;

~~a left triangular stripe, a top triangular stripe and a right triangular
stripe, wherein said left triangular stripe is the mirror image of said right triangular
stripe and each triangular stripe is on the front of said backboard and tapers
towards said goal so as to visually aid the player.~~

a left triangle having a first side, second side and third side,
wherein said first side of said left triangle is adjacent to the left edge of said
backboard and said second side and said third side converge to a point ending at
said goal so as to visually aid a player; and

a right triangle having a first side, second side and third side,
wherein said right triangle is the mirror image of said left triangle and said first
side of said right triangle is adjacent to the right edge of said backboard and said

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second side and said third side converge to a point ending at said goal so as to visually aid a player.

18. (currently amended) An apparatus as in claim 16, wherein said inner concentric square abuts at least one of said left trianglelular stripe, said top trianglelular stripe and said right trianglelular stripe.

19. (currently amended) An apparatus as in claim 16, wherein said outer concentric square abuts at least one of said left trianglelular stripe, said top trianglelular stripe and said right trianglelular stripe.

Claim Rejections

Please consider claims 1, 2, 3, 10-13, 15, 16, 18 and 19 as amended.